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THE GIVING OF GIFTS

We are oftentimes led to wonder if at this season of the year, when good cheer reigns supreme, and we are busying ourselves with extensive preparations for the glad Christmas, and spending vast sums of money for gifts with which to delight our friends, if our giving as a whole is of the right sort.

We have our community and church Christmas trees, the banker gives the merchant friend something elaborate, the lawyer may spend his surplus holiday funds on some luxury for his professional friend, et cetera, which is all very nice, and gives a moment or two's pleasure in most instances, to be sure, but how many people as they gather around their firesides in their magnificent homes on Christmas night, happy that they have provided costly gifts for each of the family and a few good friends outside, stop to consider the ones not far away who scarcely had enough food, while they dined so extravagantly?

Will we help to make Christmas merry for someone, who is destined to have a day just like the other three hundred and sixty-four? Can't we lend a hand and drop something of cheer to those who are "down"?

The little town of Boone has always been kind to the unfortunate poor within her gates, and let us ask that this year, more than ever before we do some giving of the right kind, let us see that there are no "empty stockings" among us, and then we may be happy together, and seem good in the sight of the Nazarene, whose birth we are thus commemorating.

HIGHWAY DETOURS IN BAD CONDITION

Just now our town is suffering from the condition of the roads nearby. Going West you are detoured from a point just beyond the Blackburn Hotel to Capt. Lovill's and the heavy traffic over it during the recent rains has rendered it almost impassable especially for machines. And we are told that conditions are no better going east. Here we get another detour from Dr. Bingham's via the Hartley old place and W. L. Trivett's and back into the Highway near Mr. W. W. D. Edmisten's. The low land between Edmisten's and Trivett's over which the road passes is in a horrible condition and on Monday evening a wagon had to help the mail truck in with its heavy load. We are not blaming those who have the road work in charge, but, as the State Highway Commission is in for the upkeep of all necessary detours where new construction demands, it should see to it that these points be not overlooked. There is no chance, whatever of getting on the new links before late next spring and unless something is done the suspension of travel over these muddy detours seems inevitable. Let us hope the good men having our road work in charge will take this up with the Commission and see that they are made passable at least.

MAIL SERVICE BAD FOR WEEKLIES

We received yesterday a copy of the Johnson County News. Mountain City, Tenn. published under date of December 6, that has been tirelessly for twelve long days, striving to get 23 miles from the shop where it was printed. We want Brother Barry's paper and are entitled to it and why it can't get here is an unsolved problem.

Luckily, we have postoffice men in Boone, whom we know attend to their duties in a careful, painstaking way and we don't have any kick from our patrons that are calculated to reflect discredit on them. Nevertheless a great number of our subscribers, right in Watauga County if they ever get our sheet, (and often they don't) it has a smack of the "dark ages" about it that makes it a very poor organ of enlightenment and worse than that, we sometimes have a subscriber because the paper runs late from one or two weeks when every person reading the Democrat in the county, should have it before the ink is thoroughly dry. They pay us for it, carelessly want it, and it is our desire to get it to them before it's stale.

The same "lay's loose" all over the country and the weekly editors North, South, East and West have joined together to try to find out why there is a difference in the mail service dailies get, and that affords the country sheets and why the discrimination. To this end aid of Congressmen from "all over" will be solicited in trying to get on the inside of this menace to rural journalism.

The Democrat, nothing preventing, will appear as usual next week. This is rather against our old established custom, but this year business makes it necessary, and while it may be in rather abridged form, it will come to see you just the same. With it is business first and then pleasure, if any remain.

A MENACE TO PEDESTRIANS

As we "Hike out" late some dark, rainy night, on some errand of business around town and in the darkness blunder into a vast mud-hole at our most important street intersection, we are almost persuaded to "cuss" but don't of course, but when we scrape the dry clay off our only pair of trousers next morning, we think about how many little things are being overlooked. For about one or two dollars temporary stepping stones could be placed at this point. Is it worth it? We can't have fine paved streets, but why, oh why can't we spend a few of the dollars paid in for "street working" on the streets?

A small outlay of money will at least keep our feet out of the mud this winter, can we have it?

COUNTY AGENTS LEARN NEW IDEAS AT MEETING

A closer co-ordination of county home and farm demonstration work in each county, a "definite county-wide program of work and an intensive drive against the boll weevil in the cotton growing section of North Carolina" are three things resulting from the conference of agents in session at the State college this week.

'Added to this is the fact that the agents are getting new ideals about improved agriculture, new thoughts about how to co-operate with specialists of the experiment station and extension service and a closer preception of the different lines of work being done by agricultural authorities at headquarters here," he said.

"This has been one of the most important gatherings of county men and women agents in all the 12 years of this particular work in the state, according to B. W. Kilgore, of the agricultural extension service. Mr. Kilgore states he is pleased with the results of the meeting and feels sure that great good will come from it. The agents have threshed out many perplexing questions and have cleared up a number of matters giving them some concern.

"Throughout the entire meeting and conference, however, there has been a harmony of effort, a spirit of service to the farmers of North Carolina and a feeling that the agents can go back to their respective counties with a hearty support of all the agricultural authorities, according to Dr. Kilgore. Marketing, hog feeding, poultry, gardening, confection.

THE OXFORD ORPHANAGE

The school of printing at the Oxford Orphanage has produced a book of views which in typographical effect and execution will take rank with the best that any printing house in the land can send out. The screen work is high grade and was done entirely by the boys of that school. Incidentally, the story that goes along with it will instruct the public in the nature of the endeavor at the Orphanage. This institution was founded by the Grand Lodge of Masons in 1872, but contrary to the general impression, is, not for the Masonic orphans alone, this fact being indicated in the statement that the 380 children being cared for there at this time, less than 25 per cent are children of Masons. It was given the benefit of care and training to 3,700 boys and girls, and some of these children have won for themselves enviable positions in the ministry and business and professional life, for they are turned out equipped for all manner of trades. One fact concerning the Orphanage that should be borne in mind is that ren of the State and only such can gain admittance. Money will not buy its privileges or pay for its benefits. So complete is it equipped that children there have all their advantages the rich can give their children,—Charlotte Observer.

R. D. JENNINGS DENTIST

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N. C. BAPTISTS HAVE HAD A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

A summary of reports to be made at the State Baptist Convention at Winston-Salem this week, issued by Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Corresponding secretary for that body, shows that Denomination has raised \$953,656.96 for benevolent purposes during the past year. This falls only a trifle under the goal of \$1,000,000 which was set for the year and makes a total of \$3,280,671.08 paid in cash by North Carolina Baptists during the three years of the \$75,000,000 campaign. The quota for the state for the full five years is \$6,140,000.

Definite settlement of the controversy over evolution that has been disturbing the denomination for the past year is expected at the forthcoming convention by Dr. Maddry, who predicts that the "sober, conservative judgement of the convention will prevail."

The statement, which declares the achievements of the past year the greatest since the convention was organized in 1830, follows:

"Ninety-two years ago, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina was organized at Greenville. At this very first session a State Mission board was organized and an earnest effort was put forth to evangelize the North Carolina of that day. At this time there were about 15,000 white Baptists in North Carolina. Fifteen years later, in 1845, there were 21 district associations, 409 churches, 218 ministers and a total membership of 31,066, and a gain in baptism for that year of 742. The growth of the Baptist work since 1845 has been rapid. We are reporting to this convention 2,250 churches, 325,000 members, 2,174 Sunday Schools, 265,496 enrolled in Sunday Schools, 1,025 Baptist Young Peoples Unions with a membership of 40,183, and 2,112 Women's Missionary societies.

"The State Mission Board has employed 202 missionaries this year. These missionaries have served 356 churches, delivered 15,393 sermons, and 3,023 other addresses. They have organized 12 new churches and built 12 new houses of worship. They have witnessed the conversion of 4,910 souls, and baptized 3,845 converts. They have repaired 88 churches and paid on building enterprise of church houses \$96,420.32, while they have collected on pastor's salaries \$89,051.65. They have collected a total of \$13,085.86 on the 75 million campaign. These 202 State missionaries have collected a total of \$309,615.81 for the objects of the Kingdom. The State Mission board has paid these missionaries the total sum of \$56,342.52.

"The corresponding secretary will the 75 Million Campaign of \$956,656.96. It was hoped very much that the total received for the year will reach the \$1,000,000 mark. For the three years of the campaign just closing, North Carolina Baptists will report \$3,280,671.08 collected on the 75 Million Campaign. North Carolina's original quota was \$6,140,000. It is believed that at the end of the five year period we will easily have raised this total of more than \$6,000,000."

SANTA CLAUS

(Dr. W. R. Butler)

Dear Santa Claus:
I'm looking for you.
Garbed in the same old way,
White whiskers, Reindeer, sleigh.

I was somewhat perplexed,
Fear you would fashion feel
And sell your reindeers
To try an automobile.

Santa I think you are owl wise.
You will not tackle
Your trip in a thing
That destroys so many lives.

Santa come in the same old way,
With toys, candies and other things
Don't be foolish
And try an Aeroplane.

Santa bring babies and chocolate,
And a little brandy for
The Christmas Fruit cake,
And for the Editor's stomachache.

REMEMBRANCES

By Mrs. G. W. Hodges

Christmas Carols are being sung
And the bells are ringing delight,
To remind the world that Christ was born
And this is His natal night.
I know you are glad, Sweetheart of mine,
You loved the merry Christmas time.

The little brown Church across the street,
Where first to God you gave your heart,
Is aglow with light, and music sweet
Is calling the little ones to get their part.
You used to be the Santa Claus
To see that none for tears had cause.

You filled the stocking of the fatherless child
Which filled their hearts with childish glee;
You cast your bread on waters wide
To those adrift on a surging sea.

I believe your deeds for human cheer
Now makes you glad in the Heavenly sphere.

So oft when you traveled the walks of men
You lightened the load of a way-side brother,
By reaching out a helping hand
When none but God—no other
Knew, that by aiding those who stood in need,
You were living true to your creed.

I'm sure you are reaping the promised reward,
Made by our Father for helping the poor;
In sharing with those whose life lot was hard.

As often you did in years of yore,
I believe the record kept in Heaven
Balanced in favor for your charity given.

The years have been long since your soul took flight,
Thru mystic space to the spirit land,
And still I wait this Yuletide night,
And dream I clasp your own true hand.

Your unseen presence I feel is near,
Watching with those whom you held dear.

But God is good, and he knows best,
The heart aches we need to purge the dross;

Joys and sorrows are only his test
To prove our trust in gain or loss.
It is dust to dust, when here we part,
In Heaven with Him, it is heart to Heart.

Yes! God is good, and he knew best,
When he chose for me the lonely way;
The way of the cross, with trials beset,
Which ends at the realm of Eternal day.
I've leaned on His arm and His strength divine,
Leads to Heaven and you in his own good time.

THE WATAUGA BANK'S NEWEST CAMPAIGN

The newest advertising campaign for the Watauga Bank, which started last week, is certainly worthy of your consideration. The ads. are most attractive, are altogether different each week, and there's always something good in each one. It is to the advantage of all to read these weekly messages from the wide-awake local institution.

MASONRY FALLS TO STREET

On Sat. afternoon the brick masons, who had been working on the Qualls building all day, much of the time in the rain, trying to get the job completed, were just finishing their task when a section of the wall containing about 1800 brick, slid off and landed on the sidewalk below. Fortunately there were no passers-by below and no one hurt. One laborer with a wheelbarrow got his load on short notice, but escaped without injury.

SUNBURN

As a preventive, apply Vicks as a salve before going into the sun. Rub well in. To relieve the burn, apply Vicks lightly. Do not rub in.

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Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly



Christmas Greetings



A Happy New Year

Thanks for Your

Trade

Come Again



Watauga Supply Company

Our Christmas Wishes



That you will enjoy all the rich cheer of the glorious Christmas times and that you and yours have had a prosperous year, is our wish for you, one and all. For your loyal and liberal patronage throughout this year, we want to thank you.

That we expect to be able to serve you better than we were able to this year, is our aim.

We hope to show you our stock of goods in our large new building where you can see what you want and where we can show you what we have, not latter than February 1st if the weather will permit.

Always make our store your headquarters when in town where we will endeavor to serve you to our best ability.

YOUR FRIENDS,

BOONE HARDWARE COMPANY

Holiday Appreciation



I want to thank the people of Boone and Watauga County for the patronage and consideration shown me during the year and wish for each and all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Henry J. Hardin

Admr, Estate of M. B. Blackburn.